

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first two full paragraphs on page two (2) with the following amended paragraphs:

~~The invention recited in claim 1~~ One aspect of the invention is a tire reinforcing layer forming device forming a tire reinforcing layer on an outer peripheral surface of a drum, the tire reinforcing layer forming device including: a drum able to rotate in both forward and reverse directions; conveying means for conveying, toward the drum, a strip-shaped reinforcing material in which a plurality of cords, which are aligned parallel to one another, are rubber coated; cutting means for cutting the reinforcing material obliquely with respect to a transverse direction; a first conveying path provided at a reinforcing material conveying direction downstream side of the cutting means, and guiding the reinforcing material toward one side in a peripheral direction of the drum; a second conveying path provided at the reinforcing material conveying direction downstream side of the cutting means, and guiding the reinforcing material toward another side in the peripheral direction of the drum; distributing means for distributing the reinforcing material, which has been cut, to one of the first conveying path and the second conveying path; and axial direction moving means moving at least the first conveying path and the second conveying path along an axial direction of the drum.

Next, the operation and effects of this ~~the~~ tire reinforcing layer forming device ~~recited in claim 1~~ will be described.

Please replace the fifth and sixth full paragraphs on page 4 with the following amended paragraphs:

~~The invention recited in claim 2 has the feature that, in the tire reinforcing layer forming device~~ may have recited in claim 1, a reinforcing material exit of the first conveying path that is inclined with respect to the axial direction of the drum, and a reinforcing material exit of the second conveying path that is inclined in a direction opposite the reinforcing material exit of the first conveying path.

Next, the operation and effects of this ~~the~~ tire reinforcing layer forming device ~~recited in claim 2~~ will be described.

Please replace the first, second and third full paragraphs on page 5 with the following amended paragraphs:

~~The invention recited in claim 3 has the feature that the tire reinforcing layer forming device recited in claim 1 or claim 2 includes~~ may include: first moving means for moving at least the first conveying path and the second conveying path in a radial direction orthogonal to the axial direction of the drum, and in directions of approaching and moving away from the drum; first moving means for moving at least the first conveying path and the second conveying path in directions of approaching and moving away from the drum which are orthogonal to the axial direction of the drum; and second moving means for moving at least the first conveying path and the second conveying path in a direction orthogonal to both a moving direction by the first moving means and the axial direction of the drum.

Next, the operation and effects of this ~~the~~ tire reinforcing layer forming device ~~recited in claim 3~~ will be described.

In ~~this~~the tire reinforcing layer-forming device recited in claim 3, at least the first conveying path and the second conveying path can be moved by the first moving means in the radial direction orthogonal to the axial direction of the drum, and in directions of approaching and moving away from the drum.

Please replace the first through fourth full paragraphs on page 7 with the following amended paragraphs:

The affixing device 18 has a base ~~18~~14A which is set on a floor surface. A pair of supporting columns ~~18~~14B, which extend along the vertical direction, stand erect at the top surface of the base ~~18~~14A.

An up/down sliding member 20 is disposed between the pair of supporting columns ~~18~~14B.

Slide rails 22A are mounted to the side surfaces of the supporting columns ~~18~~14B. Slide units (e.g., linear motion bearings or the like) 22B, which are mounted to the side surfaces of the up/down sliding member 20, are held so as to be freely slidable at the slide rails 22A.

Further, a ball screw 26, which rotates by a servo motor 24, is provided parallel to the slide rails 22A at the base ~~18~~14A.